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announce that there are 32 members of Leadership Tomorrow from Hall County, and 17 members from Leadership Tomorrow from Hastings in the north balcony. Would you welcome them please. Thank you for being here. We will now go on to LB 440. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 440 was introduced by the Health Committee. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 14th, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments attached.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, you are recognized.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. First of all, on the green sheet it is stated that this was introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee. Frankly, I don't know how that happened, but that is incorrect. The bill was introduced by Jim Jensen, not the committee, not by the Chairman of the committee in that capacity, but as Senator of District 20 only, and I do wish to apologize for this unintentional oversight. LB 440 simply returns the language, the Section 81-853, that was stricken by the passage of LB 622 in 1997. The pink sheet you have before you explains how that exemption read prior to the bill's passage. This language was in our statutes, matter of fact, from 1937 until 1997. During that period of time, to my knowledge, there were no indications of health and safety endangerment. I have introduced an amendment that was agreed upon by the engineers and architects to reinstate the original language as it was on...stated on the pink sheet. The original bill, LB 440, said 5,000 square foot for industrial and commercial properties, but there...the bill as introduced had no limitation on the occupancy. By the amendment, which I will explain immediately after introducing this bill, the amendment simply takes and puts a limit of 20 as an occupancy requirement for that 5,000 square foot. With that, Mr. President, I'd be glad to answer any questions on the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, you are recognized to open on the committee amendments. (Standing Committee amendment AM0301 is found on page 536 of the Legislative Journal.)